# Leadership for a Healthy Arizona



Human Rights Committees are made up of people who understand the needs of those with mental illness.

Committee members are dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of individuals who receive publicly funded behavioral health services.

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Division of Behavioral

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# Human Rights Committees on the Mentally III



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### What We Are.....

- An oversight committee created by the Arizona legislature
- Charged with promoting and protecting the human rights of children and adults enrolled in the public behavioral health system
- There are 7 committees throughout the state having 7-15 members on each committee

## Who We Are.....

#### Volunteers

 Approved by the Committee and appointed by the Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)

#### Members include:

- Adult consumers
- Parents and other family members of child and/or adult consumers
- Professionals in any of these areas: psychology, law, medicine, education, special education, social work, or behavioral health.

## What We Do....

- Provide independent oversight of the public behavioral health system
- Conduct site visits to behavioral health care facilities
- Hear concerns of consumers and other interested parties
- Review incident and accident reports and seclusion and restraint reports submitted by the RBHA
- Express concerns and initiate investigations as needed
- Make recommendations to ADHS and the RBHA regarding improving the delivery and quality of behavioral health services
- Review and provide feedback about ADHS/Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) policy and procedure

## Where are the meetings?

For additional information regarding each committee's meeting dates and times, please contact:

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# I'm Interested in More Information

Committee You are interested in:	
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	Northern
	Southeastern
	Western (Yuma/LaPaz)
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